GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
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PROMOTION OF BIO-FERTILIZERS
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government propose to give grants to cow- tending centres to promote bio-fertilizers;

(b) if so, the time by which it is likely to be provided;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the use of chemical fertilizers has adversely affected the health of human beings and livestock; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) to (c) During the Tenth Plan, a proposal for a new scheme, 'National Project on Organic Farming' is under process whichincludes setting up of a National Instutute of Organic Farming,whose function will be to promote and facilitate various aspects of organic farming in the country. The scheme envisages support to commercial production units of organic inputs like fruits and vegetables waste compost units and bio-fertilizer production units and hatcheries for vermiculture.

(d) & (e) The consumption of fertilizers in the country is only 90 kg/ha, which is not considered to have adverse affect on the health of human beings & livestock.